

**Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes**

**November 13, 2008**

**bigforksteering.org**

**Community Forum**

**(Amended)**

APPROVED

In attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Gary Ridderhoff, Edd Blackler, Chuck Gough, Elna Darrow, Shelley Gonzales, John Bourquin, Sally Janover, Leslie Budewitz, Darrel Coverdell, Paul Guerrant, Sharon Hopkins, George Darrow, Bruce Solberg, Joe Brenneman

Chairman Craig Wagner called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Agenda:** The motion was made to adopt the agenda. (m/sc Gough/Solberg) Passed

**Minutes:** The minutes for October 23, 2008 were approved as emailed. (m/sc Ridderhoff/Darrow, G.)) Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve is ill. He called us and reported that there had been some problems with the CPA's records but it had been straightened out and a check for a \$500.00 donation had been sent to Bethany Lutheran Church for the use of their basement.

**Community Reports:** Sharon Hopkins of the Bigfork Parks Advisory Committee presented their work done on the projected 20 year plan for Bigfork's Parks. They have several wall boards showing each park, their primary use and projected needs. It is a good presentation. They will be showing it at the schools and at different venues. (Be sure to take a look at them when you see them. The committee prioritized the needs of each park and has decided that Carlyle- Johnson is the first park that needs to be addressed. It has the most use, a dangerous entrance and a lack of a good parking area. There was also a discussion about Sliter Park and trying to purchase the park from Pacific Corps. The Community Foundation has a fund started and also maintains the stage and restrooms. How ever and whenever it becomes it becomes available it will take a large sum of money. The county is also beginning to charge fees to use the parks, with different sporting groups, weddings and other occasions. They also have a policy of matching raised funds. The county also has a generic survey on line and they would like a response from county residents, it can be found at [kate@appcom.net](mailto:kate@appcom.net)

**Commisioner Joe Brenneman:** Joe wanted to clear up the setback regulations issue.

**The new setback regulations are only in the Subdivision Regulations and are to be used only with subdivisions not private lots.**

The Township idea is progressing, how ever we can't use the word town as it is in the State Constitution. There was also a discussion about sludge which is an ongoing problem with no easy solution.

**Resort Tax Committee:** A meeting was held on November 4, 2008. The latest map is still at the Department of Commerce but it looks like a spider and has a total population of only 500 and that is too low of a number from which to elect an administrative board. Cheryl Richmond, the Chairman will be out of town for 2 months so Randy Snyder will be filling in as chairman.

**North Lake County Planning:** They are continuing to meet on the first and third Friday of the month. They also have been asked to attend the Flathead Basin Commission

meeting December 10, 2008, along with the Lake County Planning Director. The commission would like to have zoning in place before the Woods Bay Sewer District starts, hopefully in 2011, and also to discuss undivided land in North Lake County. Lake County Subdivision Regulations are now on Lake County Planning Department Web Page. They will have a public meeting on November 19, 2008 at 7:00 to discuss them at the Lake County Courthouse.

**Stormwater Committee:** Elna has reported another grant application is now on file with the DEQ 319. The funds would provide funds for the Final Preliminary Engineering Report and Education and Outreach efforts.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** A motion was made for us to open our own checking account (m/sc Gough/Gonzales) Passed. A short discussion followed on which bank and the requirement of 2 signatures on the check. We had done this for elections for BLUAC.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm

Pat Wagner, Secretary

Workshop Meeting Held by The BSC and BLUAC (No public stayed for this meeting, they were invited.) We went over BJ Grieves notes and we changed some wording (maybe twice) and basically left our second version of the Bigfork Neighborhood Plan the way it was when we submitted it in March. As you know by now the meeting between the Planning Board, Planning Committee, BSC and BLUAC was cancelled this morning!